Government is taking steps for:—

/ Establishing an institution of National Excellence for imparting Fashion Business Education with International Benchmarking.

/ Appointing a nodal agency for standardizing and benchmarking Fashion Business Education in the country.

/ Setting up an Apex Body to train the teachers/ trainers imparting Fashion Business Education in the country.

Financial assistance to weavers

†253. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated any scheme to provide financial assistance to the weavers to promote the use of developed technique in the handloom sector under the textile industry;

(b) if so, the outline of the scheme; and

(c) by when the said scheme will be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) The Government of India has been implementing various Schemes to promote use of modern and upgraded technology in the Handloom Sector. Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana (DDHPY) provides basic inputs (handlooms, dobby, jacquard, accessories), Computer Aided Textile Design System, setting up of a Common Facility Centre etc., Integrated Handloom Training Project Scheme provides handlooms, dyeing kit etc., Handloom Export Scheme provides assistance towards modification of handlooms, quality control, setting up of value addition units etc., Research and Development Scheme provides for development of new technology in Handloom Sector to keep pace with the fast changing developments in the global scenario. Recently, Government has introduced Integrated Handloom Cluster Development Scheme, which provides financial assistance towards integrated and holistic development of handloom cluster.

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